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SUBJECT: MEETINGS WITH GAO ON ILO REPORT

1. DRAFT 75-PAGE REPORT TO THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (GAO) ENTITLED "U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION: IMPROVEMENTS NOTED, MORE NEEDED" NOW DISTRIBUTED AND A MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, STATE, COMMERCE AND GAO FIXED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1977. INTERVENTIONS BY BLACKMAN WITH GAO TO POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL YOU RETURN NOT SUCCESSFUL. SEPARATE MEETING FOR YOU WITH GAO PROPOSED FOR 10 A.M., FEBRUARY 1. MEANTIME, DOL REPRESENTATIVES WILL MONITOR JANUARY 24 MEETING AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BUT WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, DISCUSS POLICY QUESTIONS.

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2. GAO SEES SOME IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. PERFORMANCE BUT A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE U.S. PARTICIPATION NOT YET DEMONSTRATED. WITHOUT STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES GAO SEES NO SOUND BASIS FOR ADVISING THE PRESIDENT WHETHER OR NOT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REMAIN IN THE ILO. MAJOR RECOMMENDATION, THEREFORE, IS: "...THAT BEFORE NOVEMBER

1977 THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, LABOR, AND COMMERCE:

--DEVELOP AN OVERALL SET OF OBJECTIVES FOR U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN ILO.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENTS:

--COORDINATE THESE OBJECTIVES WITH OTHER INTERESTED
GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE EMPLOYER AND WORKER REPRESENTATIVES, AND

--COORDINATE A PLAN FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES,
INCLUDING ASSURANCE THAT, IF THE UNITED STATES REMAINS
A MEMBER, HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IS MAINTAINED BY THE
UNITED STATES SO AS TO ENABLE THE RECENT INITIATIVES BY
U.S. AGENCIES TO BE FURTHER DEVELOPED AND CARRIED
THROUGH."

3. OTHER MAJOR POINTS INCLUDE:

(A) THE UNITED STATES IS NOT EFFECTIVELY ANALYZING ILO
BUDGET AND PROGRAM DOCUMENTS.

(B) THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PERFORMING EFFECTIVE
EVALUATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PROJECTS.

4. GAO NOTES DOL HAS ENLARGED STAFF AND IS UNDERTAKING
WORK IN THESE AREAS, BUT TOO EARLY TO ASSESS RESULTS.
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